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ADMITS HE FIRED SHOT THAT STRUCK CHILD IN STREET

Albert Furst, Elevator Boy,
Tells Court He Shot to Kill
Edward Laury

Albert Furst, formerly a jockey under
the name of Beevil, recently an
elevator boy in an apartment house

at No. 410 West One Hundred and
Nineteenth Street, admitted to-day in
West Side Police Court that he fired
the shot which struck and seriously
wounded ten-year-old Edward Laury,
at Ninety-seventh Street and
Columbus Avenue. He fired the shot
at Edward Laury, with intent to kill
him, and would have fired more shots
had he not seen the little Charles
girl fall, he said.

Laury was arrested last night im-
mediately after the shooting by In-
spective Dalton. Nicholas Porciani, a
barber, was also arrested. Laury
said the shot was fired by Furst and
Furst gave himself up at the West
One Hundredth Street Station this
morning. He was accompanied by
Arthur Laury, owner of the One Hun-
dred and Ninety-seventh Street apart-
ment house, who had advised him to sur-
render. Mr. Laury went to the police

court with Furst and tried to prove
an alibi for him, acting in perfect
good faith.

"I don't believe this boy was mixed
up in the fight," said Mr. Laury. "He
did not leave the house until 7:30
and could not have reached the scene
of the shooting at the time it is
said to have occurred."

"To the charge of his employer,
Furst broke in with the declaration
that he had fired the shot and made
his escape. Furst was not impleaded
in the case, he said, and Laury
corroborated this.

"Coming up from Charleston, South
Carolina, a few weeks ago," explained
Furst to Magistrate Simms, "this fol-
lowing Laury, pushed me off a moving
freight train. How I escaped being
killed I don't know. He meant to kill
me. I don't see him again until last
night and I let fly at him."

All three men were held without
bail until April 4. The little girl's
condition was improved to-day.

SWOBODA WAS CAUGHT SPYING ON DEFENSES AFTER WAR STARTED

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ing him, he remains something of a
mystery. Several of his friends pro-
fess to consider the charges against
him entirely unfounded.

M. Treacat, a stock broker who
knew Swoboda well, says he can see
no possible motive for the act of
which he is accused. After hostil-
ties began and business was sus-
pended on the Bourse, according to
Treacat, Swoboda sought some other
occupation. One of the plans he con-
sidered was to go to the United States
and obtain samples of military cloth-
ing, equipment and tools which the
Ministry of War would be likely to
purchase.

Treacat asserts that Swoboda
finally decided upon this venture. He
visited many factories in America,
giving as a reference Broker Morris-
son, who is one of the most widely
known general merchants in Paris.
Upon the strength of this reference
he obtained the samples he sought,
according to Treacat.

The police credit the statement of
M. Treacat, for when they searched
the office in Avenue de l'Opera where
five trunks belonging to Swoboda
were stored, they found that two of
them had been opened and the con-
tents displayed in an adjoining room.
The display consisted of cloth, wool-
len gloves, socks, leather, metal fast-
eners, canned goods, boots, entrenching
tools and even a complete French
uniform.

Friends of Swoboda explain the
photograph in which he appears in
the uniform of a German officer by
stating that he spent two years at
Heidelberg to perfect himself in Ger-
man and the picture probably was
taken while he was wearing his stu-
dent's uniform.

Plans found in Swoboda's office
which the police regarded as sus-
picious, his friends say, probably
were left there by an uncle who is
an architect at Vancouver, and who
recently visited him in Paris.

M. Mommeja of the Boulevard
Hausmann, a banker, who employed
Swoboda in 1912, declares to report-
ers, on the other hand, that Swoboda
represented himself as a Canadian
and said he did not know a word of
German, but some time later he over-
heard Swoboda talking German
fluently over the telephone. When
the banker called the attention of his em-
ployee to the conflicting statements he
had made, Swoboda explained that he
had studied at Heidelberg. Mommeja
became suspicious, however, and dis-
charged Swoboda in 1912.

Three days ago M. Mommeja heard
that his former employee had been
seen in a Paris cafe in company with
very suspicious persons. He at once
reported the matter to the local
police.

According to statements made to
newspaper reporters by residents of
the suburb of Viroflay, where Swo-
boda lived at one time, the man had
long been regarded with suspicion.
He was very intimate in the Aus-
trian-German colony and spent much
of his time with an Austrian named
Padouk. A few days after the out-
break of hostilities Swoboda was dis-
covered at a late hour one night close
to where some important defense
work was being carried out. Upon
being arrested he explained he was
an American and pleaded ignorance.
Upon the production of satisfactory
papers he was allowed to go.

**LA TOURAINE FIRE WAS IN-
CENDIARY.**
HAVRE, April 2.—Experts chem-
ists, who are investigating the causes
of the fire aboard the steamship La
Touraine, now express the belief that
it was not the result of an explo-
sion, but originated in three large
cases of textiles which were stored
in the baggage hold.

The investigation has disclosed, the
experts assert, that the flames could
not have been caused by spontaneous
combustion and from this they con-
clude that the contents of the boxes
must have been set on fire. Pieces of
textiles similar to those placed
aboard La Touraine have been sub-
jected to high temperatures without
combustion taking place. How or
when the blaze started the chemists
are unable to explain, for they have
found no traces of any incendiary
device.

It is pointed out that if the fire
had started in the hold proper in-
stead of the one in which the bag-

gage was stored it would have been
extremely difficult to prevent the de-
struction of the ship in view of the
highly inflammable nature of much
of the cargo.

Examining Magistrate Barnaud is
conducting his inquiry as rapidly as
possible. He will examine all the
passengers and members of the crew
he can reach. He has requested the
Paris police to question several per-
sons now in that city and search
certain houses.

Raymond Swoboda has not yet
been transferred to this city, but is
expected to arrive to-morrow. He
will be interrogated immediately by
Magistrate Barnaud, who will at-
tempt to establish his real identity,
which remains uncertain, although it
is said to have been learned pos-

itively that he was born in California.
The trunks and other property of
Swoboda, which were seized in Paris,
have been sent here, but will be
opened only in the presence of the
police.

SWOBODA LIVED IN FLAT HERE WITH POILLON SISTERS.

Katherine Poillon admitted to a re-
porter for The Evening World the
afternoon that Raymond Swoboda
had lived a while last winter with her
and her sister in their apartment in
the Estering, No. 323 Riverside
Drive.

"I'm sorry Mr. Swoboda is arrest-
ed," said Katherine quite calmly, "but
I'm not in blame for that. I say?
I don't believe it."
"Am I married to him? Certainly

not. I'll tell you. I sent him to Paris
last year. He mentioned me, and
we asked him to look us up when he
came to New York. He when he came
here last winter he was our guest at
our home for several days, and then
he went to the Hotel Manhattan."

"Are you the mysterious Miss
Poillon, the actress who was mar-
ried to Swoboda in Paris?" asked
the reporter.

"No, I'm not an actress and I'm not
married to Mr. Swoboda, I tell you,"
she replied.

The reporter in his search for the
Poillon sisters found a Mrs. Poillon
at No. 224 Riverside Drive, the wife
of William Poillon of the Bankers'
Trust Company. She is anxious to
know the address of Katherine and
Charlotte so that she may cease to
receive annoying letters that have
been directed to her from Paris.

The Poillon sisters have appeared
often in print during the last two

years. Katherine, in 1905, posed as
"Gladys Swoboda" for \$25,000 the alleged
amount of a premium, and was under-
stood to have received somewhere
from \$15,000 to \$20,000 in compensation.
Charlotte has been known largely
for her skill as a singer. In 1909 the
sisters spent three months on Black-
well's Island for trying to beat hotel
girls.

Thomas Hooper, Swoboda's business
partner, and Eugene Davis and R. E.
Marlow, two of his business asso-
ciates, said to-day they expected him
soon to be able to prove his entire
innocence. They have understood he
was an American citizen, but have
only his word for it. Mr. Davis met
him the first time last January, and
Mr. Hooper has known him only two
and a half years. He told Mr. Hooper
he was born in San Francisco of a
Russian father and a Scotch mother.
He said his birth papers were de-
stroyed in the fire after the earth-
quake.

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